NEWS

Changes to snowmobile trail signage system

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SPORTS

Vikings pull away after 1st quarter, win 66-45



After a close first period, the Grayling Vikings took control with a strong second quarter performance and eventually won by 21 points; 66-45; during last. Friday's varsity girls basketball contest — the squad's first Lake Michigan Conference match of the season — vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams. The victory improved Grayling's overall record to 3-0. Page 1B

Surge in final nine minutes helps Grayling stay unbeaten



Grayling trailed at times in the first quarter, second quarter, and third quarter, but the Vikings pulled away in the last nine minutes of regulation, outscoring the visiting Harbor Springs Rarns 23-8 down the stretch to win Friday night's varsity boys basketball game - a league contest by a final score of 72-57. Grayling remained unbeaten with the victory, improving its overall record to 3-0. Page 1B

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Thursday, December 20, 2012

Most Michigan youth unqualified for military service, report says

by Celeste Bott

Capital News Service

LANSING - An estimated three out of four young adults in Michigan are not qualified to serve in the military, according to a new report.

Mission Readiness, a national security organization based in New York, cited minimum standards for education, physical fitness and lack of a criminal record.

The group of retired military lead-

ers advocates for investments in education. The goal is to help young Americans succeed in school, in hopes that more will grow up prepared for military service, should they choose to enlist.

The report, "Michigan Youth: Ready, Willing but Unable to Serve," presents statistics that showed a quarter of young people in the state don't graduate from high school on time. Of those who do, one in five cannot pass the academ-

ic exams required to enter the military.

Retired Maj. Gen. William Henderson, former commander of the Michigan Air National Guard, said that based on estimates from the Department of Defense, 75 percent of young Americans can't serve for three primary reasons: they have not graduated from high school, they are physically unfit or they have a criminal record.

"Because Michigan's problems

with weight are similar to the national average and the state's problems with education are far worse than the national average, it is likely that three out of four young adults in Michigan can't join the military," he said.

Henderson and Retired Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, former state adjutant general of Michigan, said that improving early education programs is key.

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Community helps MMR 'Stuff the Ambulance'

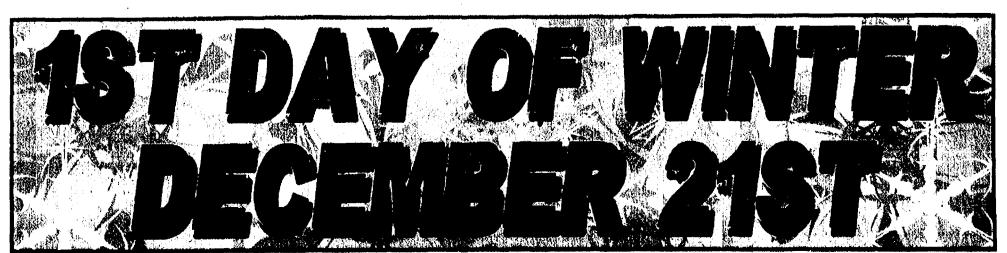
Personnel from Mobile Medical Response (MMR) held their annual "Stuff the Ambulance" event at the Grayling Kmart and at Glen's Market last weekend. Along with filling the ambulance with food items, toys, personal care items and clothing, MMR received \$600 in cash donations along with \$20 in gift cards. The \$600 was used to purchase more non-perishable food items and hygiene products. The items donated were given to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and Crawford County Toys for Tots campaign to help support the Christmas Help program. Above, Apryl Whitney, an MMR EMT and paramedic, and Aaron Pryor, an EMT, help unload the ambulance at the Crawford County Christian Help Center on Monday.

Photo by Dan Sanderson



MEIJER DONATES \$5,000 TO TOYS FOR TOTS

The Meijer store in Gaylord recently donated \$5,000 to the Toys For Tots campaign for Crawford County children. Pictured: Linda Northrop, Toys for Tots coordinator for Crawford County, and Meijer store manager Al Blackburn with all of the donated toys. The Gaylord Meijer store has "been very generous to Crawford County since they opened," Northrop said.





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2012 Snowmobile Trail Signage Changes

No Longer Used Signs

The DNR has implemented motorized signage changes to improve safety and provide consistent guidance for trail riders. A citizens' advisory workgroup made recommendations to the DNR, resulting in these changes.

The following snowmobile trail signs will be removed:



2012 Snowmobile Trail Signage Changes

New Signs

New snowmobile trail signs to include:



One-Direction Large Arrow (left and right). These signs will be used on snowmobile trails to give notice of changes in horizontal trail alignment of 90-degrees or more. Onedirection large arrow signs are 10 x 20 inches, yellow reflective signs with a black arrow and border. The DNR will continue to mark 90-degree turns with "sharp turn" warning signs supplemented with a new directional arrow.

Combination Horizontal Alignment/Intersection (left and right). These bright, yellow signs with directional arrows may be used on snowmobile trails to give notice of changes in horizontal trail alignment less than 90-degrees where an intersection occurs within or immediately adjacent to a turn.

Private Drives Ahead These signs may be used to warn trail users where driveways cross a

Next (number of) Miles, supplemental plaque. These signs may be installed below "Private Drives 7 MILES Ahead" signs to indicate how many miles long the stretch of trail with private drives runs.

TRAIL CLOSED ΤO WHEELED MOTOR VEHICLES

NEXT

Trail Closed to Wheeled Motor Vehicles Ahead. These signs will be placed on state or federal land prior to the point where a designated state snowmobile trail enters private property where wheeled motorized vehicle use is prohibited.

For additional information, please contact DNR Parks and Recreation Division at 517-373-9900. For more Michigan snowmobile information, please visit www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling

DNR reminds snowmobilers of changes to trail signage system

Department of Natural Resources reminds snowmobilers of changes to the snowmobile trail signage system on state trails, including the addition of five new sign types and the elimination of 10 sign types used in past years.

The changes were implemented based on recommendations submitted by a DNR citizens' advisory workgroup, comprised of motorized trail users, trail maintenance organizations,

NEED CASH?

Michigan members of the DNR's Ron Olson, chief of the safe, family-oriented trail Snowmobile Advisory Workgroup and Michigan Snowmobile Association. Technical support for the workgroup was provided by recreation and law enforcement staff from the DNR and the U.S. Forest Service.

> "The changes to the motorized trail signage program are the result of a collaborative process with stakeholder groups and should be a real improvement for trail users," said

DNR's Parks and Recreation Division. "The sign reductions will result in less clutter along the trails and provide for more consistency statewide."

The workgroup's recommended changes designed to improve safety on Michigan's 6,400 miles of designated snowmobile trails and provide consistent guidance to the 68 nonprofit organizations that partner with the DNR to maintain the trail system.

"Several of the other snowmobile states, and Ontario, have reduced their trail signs and have seen a reduction in accidents. Our objective is to provide a

system for snowmobiling in Michigan," said Manson, executive director the Michigan Snowmobile Association.

The following signs have been eliminated and will be removed from state snowmobile trails: Bridge Ahead, Chevron, Deer Crossing, Drift Area, Narrow Bridge, Narrow Trail, Crossing, Truck Traffic, Two Way Trail, and Winding Trail.

New signs added to state snowmobile trails in 2012

Combination Horizontal Alignment/Intersection (left and right);

Bright yellow signs with directional arrows give notice of changes in horizontal trail alignment of less than 90 degrees where an intersection occurs within or immediately adjacent to a

Private Drives Ahead;

Warn trail users where driveways cross a snowmobile trail;

One-Direction Large Arrow (left and right);

Large yellow, reflective signs (10 x 12 inches) with a black arrow and border give notice of changes in horizontal trail alignment of 90 degrees or more;

Next (number of) Miles;

A supplemental sign that may be used below "Private Drives Ahead" sign to indicate how long the stretch of private drives runs;

Trail Closed to Wheeled

Motor Vehicles Ahead; Used on state or federal land prior to the point where a designated state snowmobile trail enters private property where the use of wheeled motorized vehicles is prohibited; and

The DNR will continue to mark 90-degree turns with "sharp turn" warning signs supplemented with a new directional arrow.

For illustrations of the signs that will be used to mark Michigan's snowmobile trails and more information about snowmobiling in Michigan, including trail maps with downloadable GPS coordinates, visit www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling.





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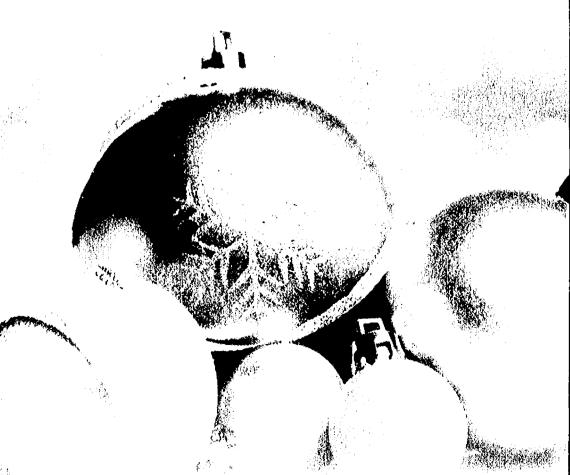
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by Richard Milliman

Christmas time filled with "wonders"

CHRISTMAS TIME properly is filled with wonders.

There's the beauty of small children, with eyes and hearts filled with wonder and awe as they eagerly await Christmas morning and the visit from Santa Claus, wondering what his bulging bag of presents will hold for them.

Worried shoppers scurry from store to store, wondering where they can find all the special things they seek to complete their Christmas shopping lists.

Frazzled wives and mothers and grandmothers spend hours in their kitchens, producing their own wonders of food delights – special Christmas cookies and pastries and dinners and other recipes handed down from earlier generations – which all turn out just great because everything tastes especially delicious during the holidays.

There are the furrowed brows of the wage earners and bill payers, who wonder how they are ever going to be able to pay the bills for all the wonders of Christmas.

BEFITTING THE SEASON, I have a few special wonders, too.

I wonder why thousands of oth-

erwise normal individuals will haul themselves out of bed early on the morning after Thanksgiving - known in recent years as Black Friday – to camp out at stores and malls, and fight and scratch their

way inside the stores to be first to throw their money at so-called bargains and then continue the spending frenzy at near the same pace for another month.

I wonder why everybody must have a Christmas list. I wonder why we buy gifts mostly from these mandatory lists, rather than look for special, individualized gifts that show some originality and prove you really were thinking of the person who receives it.

I wonder why we expect to receive everything on that Christmas list, and why we're disappointed if we don't. Once we compile our list we seem to think we're entitled to everything on it, that it's our right to receive.

I wonder why parents and grandparents buy so much stuff for their kids anyway. Many cannot really afford it, but that's what the kids had on their lists, so that's what they buy.

I wonder why we have turned

Christmas, an essentially one-day religious observance, into the overly commercialized, materialized and secularized event it has become.

holiday, despite consistent attempts to make it otherwise.

Christmas is the Christian observance of the birth of Jesus Christ, and along with the Easter time commemoration of His death and resurrection into heaven, the very foundation of the Christian faith.

I wonder why so many people willingly accept the separation of Christmas from the birth of Jesus and the centuries of religious history stemming from it. That's not logical.

Too often we substitute non-religious generic terms and practices for the real thing. We send holiday cards, not Christmas cards. We shout "Happy Holidays!" instead of "Merry Christmas!"

Public schools stage "Winterfest Programs," not Christmas programs. Children don't sing about the Baby Jesus or the manger at Bethlehem or the angels heralding the birth of Christ.

NO ONE CAN prove the details of the birth of Jesus. It's all a matter of faith. According to some church historians, during the Fourth Century church leaders set-CHRISTMAS IS a religious tled on December 25 to celebrate the birth of Jesus. That date probably was chosen to replace a pagan feast to the sun, observed in late December when days grow longer and the sun seems to be reborn each vear.

> Now, 17 centuries later, we still embrace December 25 as Christmas – sort of.

But more and more, much as the pagan sun worshipers did centuries ago, we tend to accept Christmas as a holiday, not a holy day. There is a difference.

BEFORE THIS essay turns completely into a script for Scrooge, I welcome and salute many good and excellent things that stand out about today's Christmas.

It's a time for family gatherings. It's a time to greet friends and loved ones. It's a time to care about others and to exchange gifts. It's a time to laugh and be happy

and to sing songs, many with a religious nature. These are all good things.

To be friendly and happy is good. To help others – by donating to organizations that assist the needy and the homeless, by feeding the hungry and the lonely, by giving toys and clothes to needy families these are all good, too.

But without the religious foundation, without the connection to the birth of Jesus, it's simply a time of year, publicly accepted as a holiday, but not as a holy day.

Christmas and the birth of Jesus are hand in hand. They should not - indeed, cannot - be separated. He is the reason for the season.

To all of you, a blessed and joyous Christmas from The Almanack.

(NOTE: Thoughts expressed in this essay have appeared during Christmas Season several times in the past, and still hold meaning in 2012.)

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Washington Notes

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Battery effort helps secure our economic future

Michigan's economic future, and indeed the nation's, depends on winning a race against our economic competition around the world. That race is to find the technologies that will power homes, vehicles and businesses in the decades to come. Win that race, and we claim the economic high ground.

That's why an announcement in November by the Department of Energy was so important to Michigan. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced the Joint Center for Energy Storage Research, a consortium of government, university and private-sector research labs aimed at revolutionizing battery technology.

Fittingly, Michigan is playing a key role in the effort. The consortium, headquartered at Argonne National Laboratory in will include Illinois, research hubs at Johnson Controls in Holland, and on the University of Michigan campus. Dow Chemical in Midland is also a key corpo-

rate partner. The JCESR is nothing short of a Manhattan Project-styled effort to blow through the technical and economic limitations imposed by existing battery technology. Despite enormous progress that has allowed impressive accomplishments in hybrid vehicles and plug-in electric vehicles such as the Chevy Volt, today's batteries are still bigger, heavier, more expensive and lower capacity than we'd like. With technical improvements, we can

bring down costs, reduce our dependence on imported oil

and protect our environment. The answer to this challenge is an effort that, as my colleague Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois put it, "brings together, under a single organizational roof, the world's leading scientists, engineers and manufacturers in energy storage and provides them with the tools, resources and market reach necessary to produce major breakthroughs."

And if you're bringing together world-class experts in battery technology, you're right in Michigan's wheelhouse. Our universities are hubs of research on this and other automotive technologies. Companies such as Johnson Controls, Dow, the Big Three automakers, Sakti3, Compact Power and others are leading the drive to develop and market new battery technologies. And no place on earth can rival Michigan's concentration of scientific, engineering and workforce talent.

So, at Johnson Controls' lithium-ion battery manufacturing facility in Holland, technical experts will work on ways to commercialize next-generation technology. At U-M, engineers and chemists will simulate new battery materials and build large-scale prototypes. Dow will bring its world-leading skill in chemistry and energy storage.

impressive that President Obama's administration and these companies and research facilities have Armed Services Committee. made this commitment. But the truth is, we have little

choice in terms of our economy. Advanced battery technology is going to dominate the future of the automotive industry. It's vitally important to reducing our dependence on foreign oil, a dependence that doesn't just damage our environment, but threatens our economy and our national security.

This effort will no doubt have its ups and downs, just as any innovative new technology would. It's important that we keep in mind our long-term goal: Innovation that ensures these technologies are made in America, by American workers.

We're not the only country seeking these breakthroughs. Foreign companies are too, and they have financing and research support from governments. If our own government refuses to make the same kinds of investments in our companies and research labs, we'll allow those offshore companies and governments to take this vital economic high ground. If we want the next generation of vehicle technology to be manufactured here in America, these investments are a necessity.

Thanks to JCESR and other key investments, we're on the way to winning this economic competition. That's good news for Michigan workers, Michigan companies, the U.S. auto industry and America's economic future.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan and chairman of the Senate

Viewpoint

Poison control suggests holiday hazard tips

Just like the English carol about the "12 Days of California Christmas," Poison Control System (www.calpoison.org) urges everyone to practice "12 Days for Safety" on each day leading up to Dec. 25.

• Make sure your home is poison proof if small children are visiting. Secure all medicines, cleaning products and personal care products before your guests arrive. Poisonings can occur in the home of grandparents who may not remember how quickly children can move or how inventive they can be in exploring new spaces.

• Take steps to prevent food poisoning. Prior to food preparation, clean all counters and cutting boards with hot water and soap, and wash your hands. After meals, refrigerate food promptly.

• If you use alcohol or tobacco, make sure these products are out of reach of toddlers.

• Keep your Christmas tree fresh with water early on, and keep all sources of flame well away from the tree. Put fresh batteries in all your smoke detectors.

• Carbon monoxide can be a holiday killer. Never heat a home with a gas stovetop, gas oven or use charcoal indoors. Make sure your chimney flue is fully open before enjoying a holiday evening in front of the fireplace. Keep outdoor generators away from windows. Keep flammables away from floor furnaces.

 Holiday gifts can have flat, coin-shaped batteries. If swallowed, these can cause serious injury. Keep all batteries away from babies, children and pets.

• Don't let babies or pets chew on foil wrapping paper. It may contain lead. Do not throw this paper into the fireplace either.

• Holiday plants, including mistletoe and holly berries, may cause some mild stomach upset if swallowed.

 Store and serve food only in containers meant for food, and never put nonfood items in food contain-

 Lead can still be found in new and used children's products, like toys, backpacks, lunchboxes and jewelry. Find out about product recalls and tested products at www.healthystuff.org.

 If using snow spray or flocking the tree indoors, be sure to open windows while applying it. Solvents in the spray cans may cause nausea, lightheadedness and headache.

• Have the national poison control number 1-800-222-1222 programmed into all phones. Call anytime, 24/7 for expert advice or questions.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper

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published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published. All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

Hospice training to be held

Mercy Hospice is holding a training session for people interested in becoming hospice volunteers on Jan. 15 and 17 at the Grayling Nature Center. The workshops will start at 9 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch, which will be provided. Participants will learn about hospice philosophy, bereavement and social work issues related to hospice patients and more. To sign up for the training, call Jill Tremonti, Volunteer Coordinator at 989-344-4409 or email tremonim@trinity-health.org.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Christmas service to be held in historic church

The historic Stittsville Church located Wellington Farm, USA near Grayling will host a Depression Era Christmas Eve Church Service on Sunday evening, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge for the service or admission to the park on that day.

to experience the 60-acre open air museum in the ambiance of lantern light, the farm will open at 5 p.m. Several of the trails will be lit by kerosene barn lanterns and the farm's shuttle will be in operation to transport visitors to the interior of the park. Some of the buildings sitems available for pur may be open however there will be no interpreters nor will the buildings be in operation.

The Stittsville Church was built in the 1880's near the town of Stittsville in Misaukee County. It served it's community well for about a century but by the 1980's there were no longer enough people attending services to provide for the upkeep of the building. The remaining congregation merged

Moorestown congregation and ownership of the building was turned over to Norwich Township.

In 2005, the church was moved to Wellington Farm to save it from destruction. The church has now been completely restored, the outside to it's original 1880's appearance and the For those who would like interior is restored to the 1930's.

> The Wellington Farm Visitor Center and Gift Shop will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Hand made brooms, furniture, birdhouses, soap, jams, jellies and cooking mixes are just a few of the chase.

Reservations are not necessary for the church service.

Wellington Farm, USA is located at 6944 S. Military Road in Grayling. The farm is accessible from either Exit 251 of I-75 or Exit 206 of US-127. For further information call 989-348-5187 during business hours or visiting the website at www.wellingtonfarmpark.o rg. or visit us on Facebook.

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Jake Allen Band to hold release party for new DVD with guitar giveaways

The Jake Allen Band will hold a release party featuring their new DVD "Hollow Sound Melody" from their CD entitled "Etherica," at 9 p.m. on Dec. 23 at the Ole Barn in Grayling.

Jake Allen is the stage name for Jacob Allen Bondar, a 2006 Grayling High School graduate.

"Since I was 16 I have been presenting my music to my audience not only acoustically but with a live band as well," said Allen. "I'm really grateful to have friends and musical partners who believe in what I'm doing. They have been kind enough to help me bring my creations from the studio out into a live setting."

The line up of the Jake Allen Band has been through some changes over the years. Some of the members have switched instruments, some have left the band and returned later, some newly recruited.

"I felt like the newest incarnation of the live band was really good and we were sounding the best we had to date," said Allen. "The players in this line up consisted of myself on guitar and lead vocals, Nick Hohn on drums/keyboards, Filarski Jacob TJguitar/vocals, and Rankin on guitar/vocals."

"I thought it would be an interesting idea to challenge ourselves and film ourselves playing the whole 'Etherica' record front to back," said Allen.

"Being an independent artist, I needed to utilize my resources to make the best recording possible within my limited personal budget for a project like this. I called a prolific musician friend of mine, Randall Erno, and asked him where we could get the best independent video in Northern Michigan," said Allen. "He connected me with a director based in Harbor Springs, whom I admired for his passion and professionalism. I felt confident that we had our director, so I hired him and his crew to shoot the video.

"I wanted to do the video in a friendly and professional recording studio in Michigan so I contacted producer and fellow Grayling native Andy VanGuilder, owner and operator of Halo Horn Studios in Traverse City," said Allen. "He jumped at the idea and opened the doors to his studio giving us a great space to film. Andy's audio engineering skills are topnotch so it was easy to get comfortable in the studio being in such good hands."

"I was able to involve talented local friends with the shooting of the video 'Hollow Sound Melody," Allen said. "Two female vocalists, Sarah Colclasure and Penny Jean, sang both back up and lead vocals for the shoot. Both of them had lent their voices to the 'Etherica' project so it was fitting to have them in the video as well."

"Former band mate Adam Hoppe performed with us on guitar and vocals," said Allen. "He also sang background vocals on 'Etherica.' It was really awesome to have this sort of super group together for the shoot. We all gathered at the studio, decked out the performance area and played 'Etherica' in its entirety."

Jake's sister, Lexi Bondar, a 2003 Grayling High School graduate, will also perform at the live release show.

Takamine and Gretsch guitars are sponsoring the "Hollow Sound Melody" DVD release party. Both companies have donated guitars for the event. Takamine donated a brand new G340 acoustic guitar. Gretsch donated a special Gretsch Corvette electric guitar that was used in the famous Chevy commercial made by the band OK GO, which aired during the 2011 Super Bowl. It comes with a serialized certificate of authenticity signed by the band. These items along with some other prizes are going to be raffled off and taken home by some lucky winners from the audience.

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The Bible Speaks

Why Was Jesus Born?

Why did Jesus Christ, the second person of the eternal Godhead leave the throne of heaven and come to earth to take a human body in the

womb of the virgin Mary? First, He came to become our representative head to fulfill all the past failures of the first Adam. "21For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming....45And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." (1 Cor 15:21-23,45)

Second, He came to redeem us from our sins. "9But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Heb 2:9). "14In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. (Col. 1:14).

Third, He came to restore us to God's family as God's children. "12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12). "26For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26). "6And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Gal

4:6). Fourth, He came to bring revenge to Satan for bringing deception and destruction upon us. "14Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of

the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" (Heb. 2:14). "8He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John

Fifth, He came to release us from all bondage, slavery, and tyranny. "15And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Heb 2:15). "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36). "7For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Tim 1:7).

Sixth, He came to represent us before God the Father as High Priest. "17Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." "25Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb 7:25). "5For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim 2:5).

Seventh, He came to restrain us from evil temptations. "18For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." (Heb 2:18). God promised in 1 Corinthians 10:13 to help us through all our temptations. What a wonderful Christ of Christmas!!! Pastor "B"

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activi-

Friday, Dec. 21 - Lunch chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans and orange sections. Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool- 9 Ball.

Monday, Dec. 24 -Closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 25 -Closed.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 -Lunch - pollock, boiled potatoes, snow peas and applesauce. Dinner - chicken fried steak with gravy, Brussels sprouts, carrots, pears and applestick. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool - Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong, 5:30 p.m. Karaoke.

Thursday, Dec. 27 -Lunch - sheperds pie, cauliflower, melon mix and chocolate chip muffin. Dinner - chicken alfredo, carrots, broccoli and plums. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. Uno Attack, UnLucky 7's, 3 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range **Firing**

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Dec. 27 - Jan. 2 will be as follows:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 27-28 and Jan. 2.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Obituaries

Tina M. McPeck

Tina Marie McPeck, 45, of Prudenville, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

Tina was born in Pontiac, on June 29, 1967, daughter of Jewell (Slusher) Schuster and the late James Schuster.

She married Oscar McPeck on June 8, 2002 in Grayling.

She is survived by her husband, Oscar of 10 years; mother, Jewel Schuster; children: Mark (Stefanie) Carpenter of William Prudenville, (Ariel) Carpenter of Houghton Lake, Deanna Carpenter of Prudenville, William McPeck, of Micheal Prudenville, McPeck, of Grayling; Logan, grandchildren: Kattie Skyler and Carpenter; sisters, Tammy (Scott) Doetsch of North Carolina, Deborah Copenhaver of Frederic; brother, Mark (Elizabeth) Schuster of Waterford; mothers-in-law, Betty McPeck and Dawn Decatur; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by father, James Schuster; aunt Evelyn Slusher; uncle, Clint Slusher; grandparents, Margaret and Lairs Slusher.

A funeral was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Burning Bush Tabernacle with Rev. Patricia Petrie officiating.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in

Grayling in spring 2013. Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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In Memory of Charles (Gus) Williams.

Grandpa, they say time heals all sorrow and helps us to forget, but time has only proven how much we miss you yet.

Your grandchildren RaeAnne, Steve, Marcie and Charlie - we miss And you greatgrandchildren Jordan, Jessica, Marisa and little Charlie wish we could have met you.



Beatrice L. Isbell

Beatrice L. Isbell, 86, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

Beatrice was born December 18, 1925 in Ovid, the daughter of Orr Roy and Susan (Finein) Richard.

She married Donald G. Isbell on May 25, 1948 in Ovid and he preceded her in death October 20, 1996.

She was a graduate of Ovid High School class of 1943 and St. Lawrence School of Nursing class 1946. Beatrice was a registered nurse and worked at Clinton Memorial Hospital for 39 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in St. Johns, and later the United Methodist Church of Grayling.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband seeing all of the lower 48 states; they also enjoyed the casinos; she was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed knitting and bowling.

Beatrice was also a published poet and past president of the Lansing Poetry Society. She was a real people person and was active at the Senior Center.

Beatrice is survived by her children: daughters, Linda (Edward) Abshagen of St. Joseph, Suzanne Isbell fiancé (Mark) of Grayling and son, David (Jennifer) Isbell Sr. of Traverse City; six grandchildren: David (Dora) Isbell Jr., Breanna (Dan) Camarillo, Miranda (Jim) Wellman, Emily Smith (Rob Ward), Wendy Parker fiancé (Derek), Sandra Abshagen, fiancé (Gene); great-grandchildren: Andrelle, Tyler, Kaleb, Josefina, Zoe, Donavin, Autumn, Tierra, Imala, Brandon, Diana, Ciera, Noah, along with "Uncle" Glen James Zelley.

Beside her husband, Beatrice was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 15 at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home: (989) 224-4422 St. Johns, MI 48879, 2012 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Walter Kreger Officiating.

Interment followed at South Bingham Cemetery, St. Johns.

Those desiring to may make contributions to American Heart Association or Briggs Public Library, St. Johns.



James R. Apps, Sr.

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Settling in Southern California from 1977-1995 and mastering head well puller and service toolman for Brown Hughes and Pool Oil Well Co. My hobbies are many so I share just a few, deer hunting, fishing, CB enthusiast, ham operator, Nascar fan, gardener, feeding the birds and squirrels and spending my final years, working on my home.

Two years battling cancer, November 29, 2012 after morning coffee, at about 8:45 very peacefully in a private walk with God, my wife at my side, God took me home, to greet those awaiting my arrival, parents, Leonard Apps, Melvina (Jenkins) Huff, and Fred Huff; brothers, Roger Apps, Russell Apps; granddaughters, Meliesha and Remedy, and many friends and family.

Do not anguish with sorrow as, I leave a lifetime of memories as my blessing, to my partner in life of 28 years, wife, of seven years Julie Apps; and my children: James Apps Jr., Derinna (Glen) Dine, Bonnie (Mike) Clark, Laurie Apps, Jerald Apps and Rebecca Flaherty; grandchildren: Kirk, Michael, Jessica, David, Christin, Brandon, Nicole, Dalton, Jacob, Alexiss. Melody and Etana. Greatgrandchildren: Ethan, Lincoln and Natalie; siblings: Richard Apps, Larry (Mary) Apps, Shirley Dankert, Bonnie (Lyle) Baldwin, Louise (Dan) Nagy, Barbara Hough, Sandy Dampier Sidonie Barbuto; many nephews nieces, and cousins.

Do not hurt as I am free; of pain, fear, worry and hardship, I want for nothing I am blessed with my perfect body and pure soul.

A special thank you to all my friends, who helped my family so much during the past few weeks.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 59 complaints the week of Dec. 10 - Dec. 16.

One EMS response, one natural death, 10 general non-criminal complaints, one runaways, five false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct seconddegree-forcible contact, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one domestic violence, one aggravated assault-familygun, two larcenies, one

marijuana-possession, one fleeing or eluding-felony, one public peace/other, two health and safety complaints, one violation of conservation laws, two miscellaneous arrests, 13 traffic accidents, one traffic policing, five investigations-family trouble, five suspicious situations and two lost and found property complaints.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

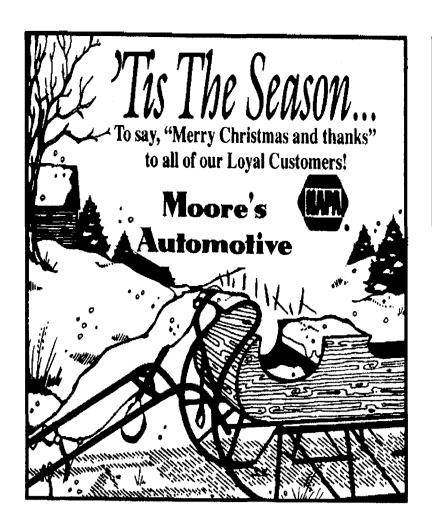
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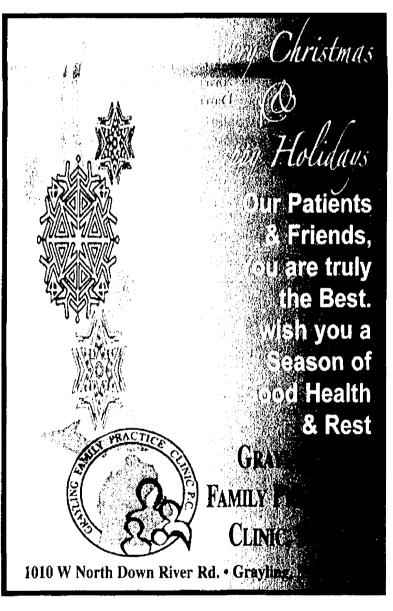
The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 16 of \$25 each; Archie McKay, Wendy Reycraft, Lance Davis and Tike Golnick. **Grayling Lions Club**

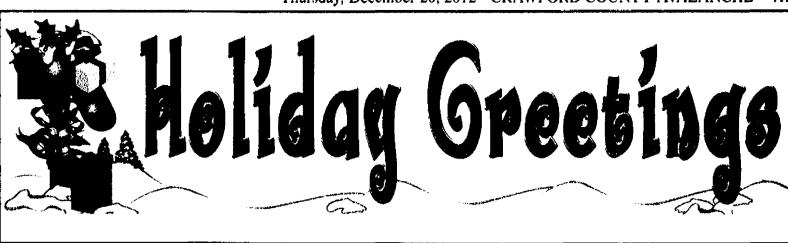
The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Dec. 7 was Ed Malinowski and Dec. 14 was Jim Piper.









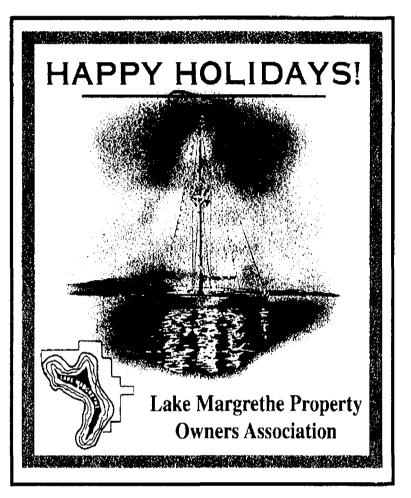


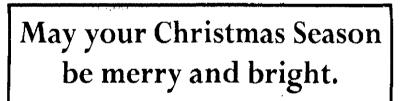


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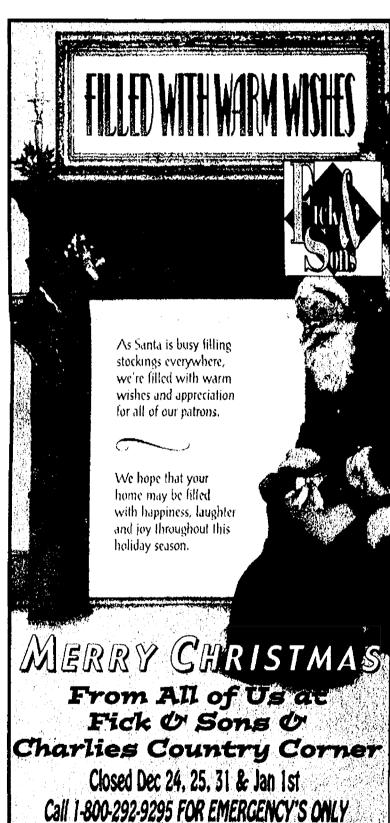
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ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS



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The Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan held its 2012 Christmas gathering on Dec. 15 at BJ's Restaurant in Gaylord. Organ recipients celebrating the upcoming Christmas holidays and their second chance at life, family members and a few people waiting for their second chance at life attended the party. Above, back row, from left to right, Merle Robinson, Fernando Saurom, Jerry Coger, John Werlein, Tom Kuch and Clarence Palmer. Middle row, Harry Reiss, Carol Robinson, Dick Cherwinski, Brenda Schafer, Suzie Coveyou, Julie Werlein, Paula V and Bev Cherwinski. Front row, Nancy Cox, Lloyd Crawford, Maeli Coveyou, MaryAnn Bogert, Charlene Palmer and Sandy Koch.

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Local police fraternal lodge give donation to Christian Help Center

Members of the Fraternal Order of Police, AuSable Lodge of Grayling gave the Christian Help Center a \$120 donation for the holiday season. Noting that the Help Center struggles during this time of the year to serve numerous families in need, F.O.P. President Jim Boylan said the lodge's membership felt this was a need they wanted to support. Boylan pointed out that this will become an annual gift from the lodge and is one of the ways they can pay back the community for their support.

The lodge also supports several other community programs including the Commission On Ageing and the Crawford County Historical Society Museum.

Money for these programs comes from the lodge's main fund raiser, the selling of the Fraternal Order of Police State Raffle Tickets. For the last five

years lodge members have sold the tickets annually from September to mid-January. The tickets cost \$20 and offer over 400 chances to win a minimum of \$25.. Winning tickets are drawn every month of the year and in December five grand prizes are also drawn with the grand prize being \$20,000.

Last year the lodge sold just over 275 tickets and had over 30 \$25 winners. two \$50 winners and one winner of the \$1,500 prize.

Boylan said the lodge also intends to start a scholarship fund in 2013 with the money raised through the raffle tickets.

While ticket sales for this year are almost over it is still possible to purchase tickets through January by contacting any lodge member or calling Boylan at 989-348-2745 or Lodge Secretary, Tim Coe at 989-370-3869.



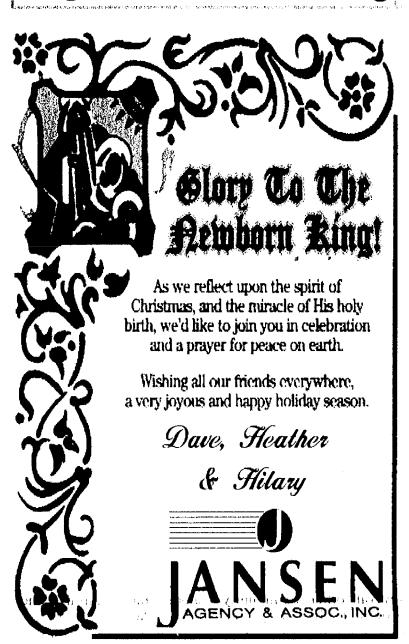
Marianne Gosnell, director of the Christian Help Center receives \$125 from Jim Boylan (left) President of the local Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, and lodge Secretary, Tim Coe.



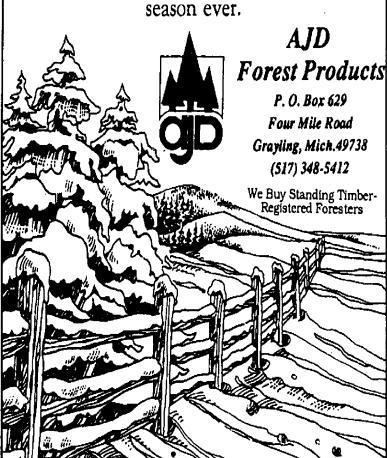


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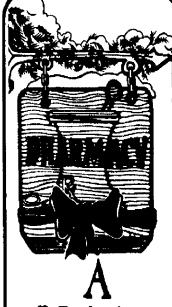












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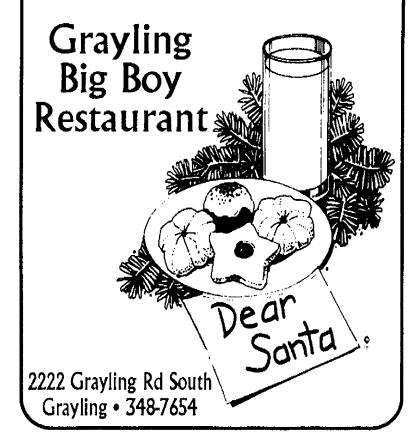
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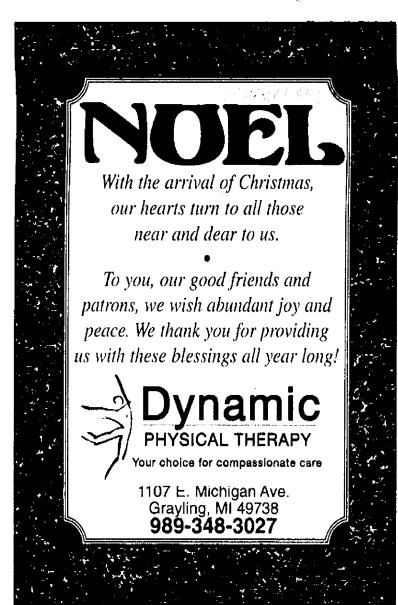
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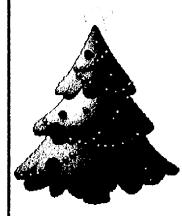
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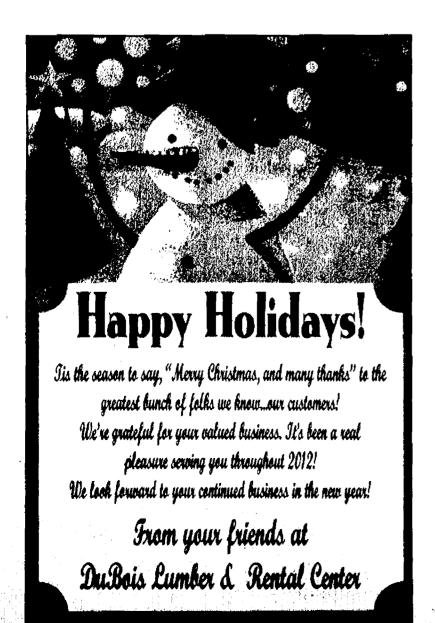


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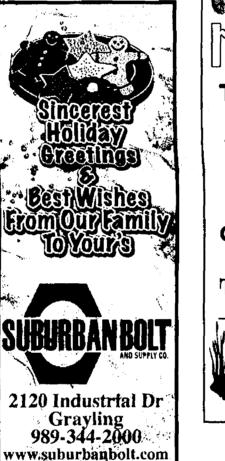




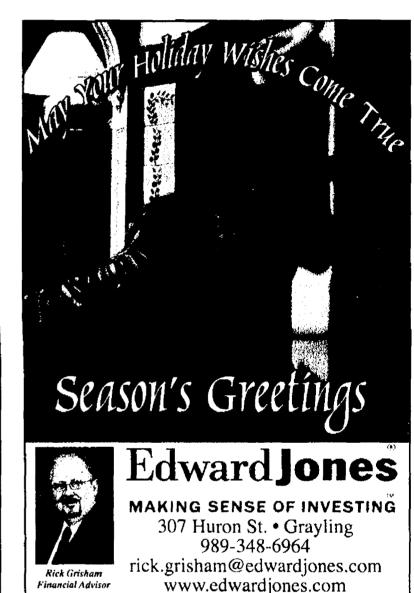
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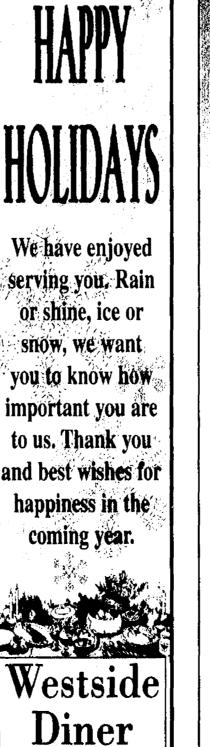
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Grayling Middle School's Geography Bee finalists: (back, L to R) Alexis Ayers, Jacob MacFalda, Clayton Phelps, Camden Summers, Darren Johnston; (front, L to R) Alyssa Cobb, Ken Dutton, Tjerck DeWitt, Evan Emmons.

GMS students compete in Geography Bee

Grayling Middle School held its annual National Geography Bee Finals Competition on Monday, Dec. 12, and 8th grader Alexis Ayers was the winner. She won a medal, a certificate and a \$25 prize. Camden Summers finished 2nd and Jacob MacFalda took

All middle school students participated in the Geography Bee's seven preliminary rounds of competition and many also took part in playoffs to reach the finals. There were 11 finalist but only 10 competed in the finals.

The finalists this year were: 6th grade - Ken Dutton, Evan Emmons, Klayton Phelps; 7th grade – Darien Rhode, Jacob MacFalda, Anna Fisher, Alyssa Cobb; 8th grade - Tjerck Dewitt, Camden Summers, Alexis Ayers, Darren Johnston.

Military News

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jesse A. Lane, son of Dorothy J. Lane of Frederic, and Jeffrey A. Lane, of Frederic, along with nearly 12, 000 past and current crewmembers, family and friends attended the inactivation of aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65). Enterprise, the world's

first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, recently completed its 25th and final deployment and returned to its homeport of Naval Station Norfolk for a scheduled inactivation.

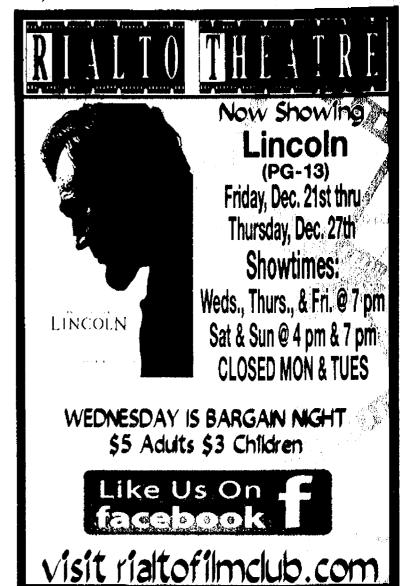
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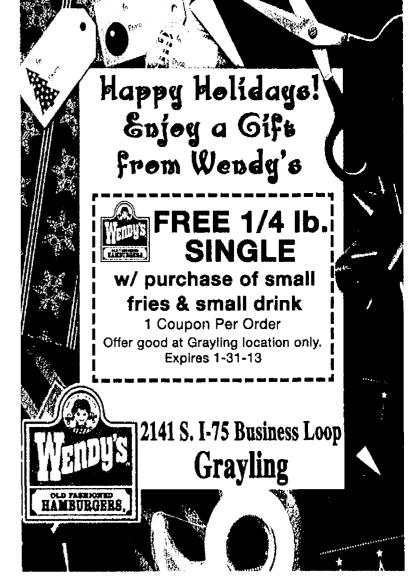
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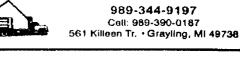
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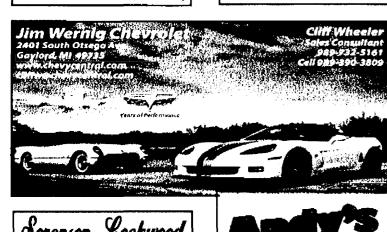


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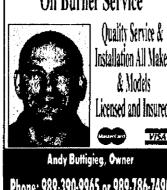
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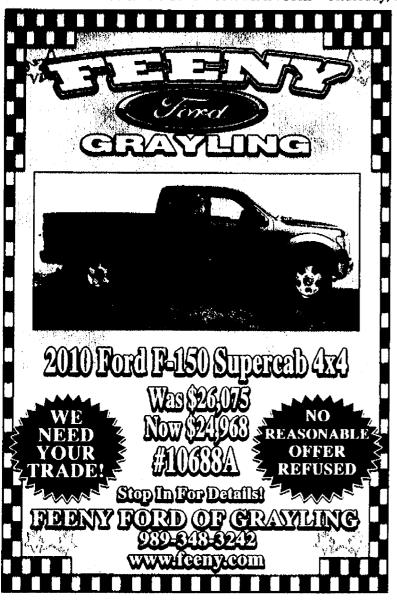
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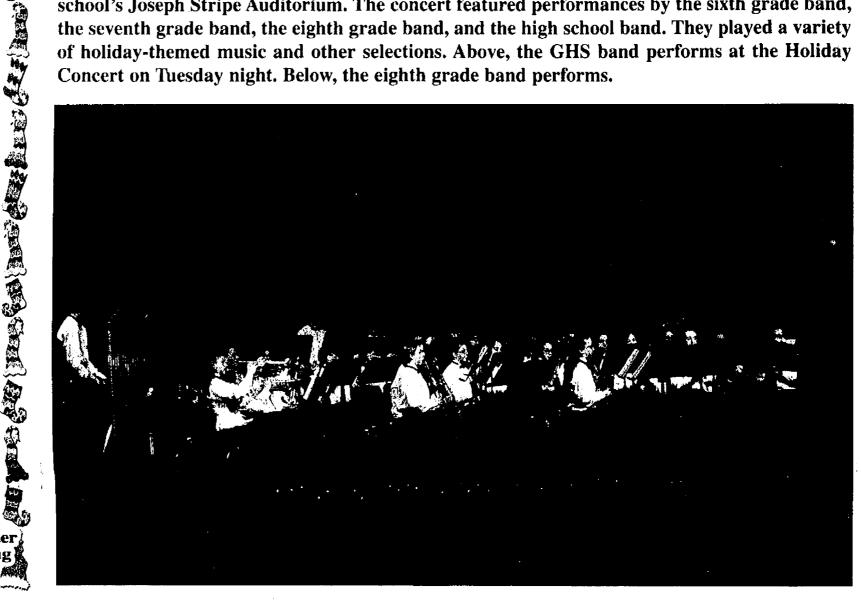
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Viking bands entertain crowd during holiday concert

Bands from Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School entertained a capacity crowd during the Grayling Viking Bands Instrumental Music Holiday Concert last Tuesday at the high school's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The concert featured performances by the sixth grade band, the seventh grade band, the eighth grade band, and the high school band. They played a variety of holiday-themed music and other selections. Above, the GHS band performs at the Holiday Concert on Tuesday night. Below, the eighth grade band performs.



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Most Michigan youth unqualified for military service, report says

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They are working with Mission Readiness to make sure that happens.

According to the organization's communication officer, David Carrier, highquality early education programs have already proven effective.

"Michigan launched its preschool program, Great Start Readiness, in 1985 and it has been operating long enough to see long-term strong results," he said.

According to Carrier, statistics show that children who attended the program were 25 percent more likely to graduate from high school on time.

Sen. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw, has proposed a \$140 million expansion to the 2013 state budget, primarily to fund such early education programs. Cutler and Henderson used their visit to Saginaw to show support for his initiative.

Kahn cited additional statistics that he said are of great concern.

"The issue we're running into right now is that some-

where in the neighborhood of 75 percent of kids who leave high school are not eligible to enter the service because they have criminality, they are physically unfit or their education is inadequate," Kahn said.

Kahn said the situation isn't a problem only for the armed forces, but for anyone looking for a job in today's tough economic cli-

"What's required to have a job in the military and in the civilian workforce are not that different," he said. "So the fact that so few young people are prepared physically, intellectually or emotionally is a disaster.

"If this trend continues, we won't have a nation because we won't be able defend it or maintain it," he

Kahn said that he hopes that the additional \$140 million will help reverse the current trend and change the way young people are educated at the earliest stages of development.

"Right now we're trying to fix things that were broken much earlier," he said. "It's doing damage control later on, but not fixing the problem at the early stages. An infant or a child doesn't have a lobbyist. We can stand up for them now, and prevent these kinds of prob-

As state adjutant general, Cutler experienced firsthand the difficulty of finding young adults fit for service.

lems in the future."

"My job was to recruit and I had a large recruiting force working for me," Cutler said. "Very few people are qualified, and those who qualify are not always inclined. It really becomes a challenge to find enough capable young people to volunteer."

Cutler said that improving early education is one of the best options to solve the problem.

"I'm absolutely convinced - and studies validate the fact - that highquality early childhood education increases the probability that young people will graduate high school," he said. "And they have a better chance to grow up physically and emotionally healthy

Cutler said that Kahn's proposal will save money in the long run.

"This is a problem that's been brewing over the years," Cutler said. "Currently the main way the military attracts young people is by creating incentives. We offer educational opportunities and enlistment bonuses.

"In the long term, we won't always be able to afford that. It would be cheaper to invest in early childhood education and raise young people to be the best they can be from the start."

According to Kahn, he has support from policymakers, media outlets and business leaders throughout the state, and that backing by groups like Mission Readiness or military leaders is a great start.

"The military has recognized the problem," said Kahn. "But it transcends the military."

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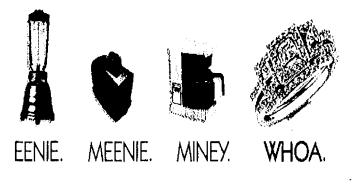


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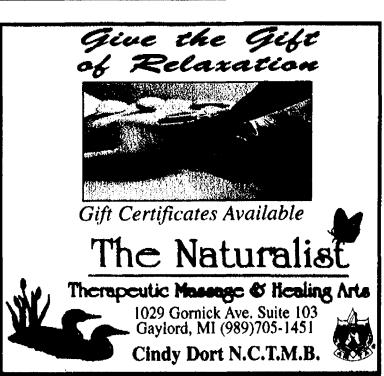








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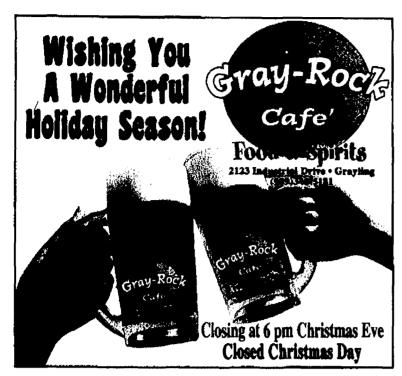
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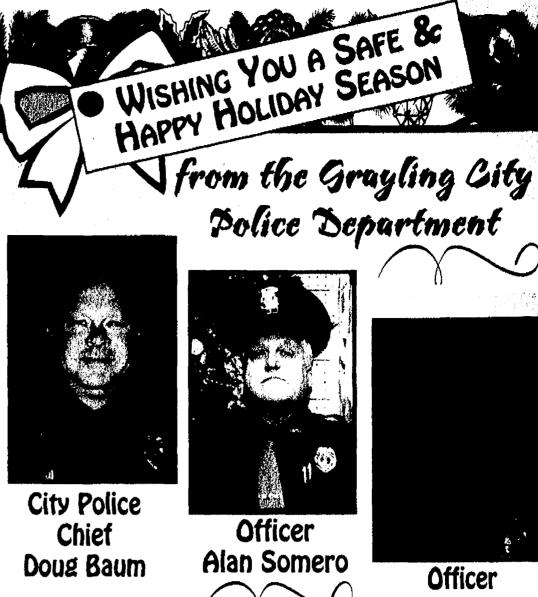
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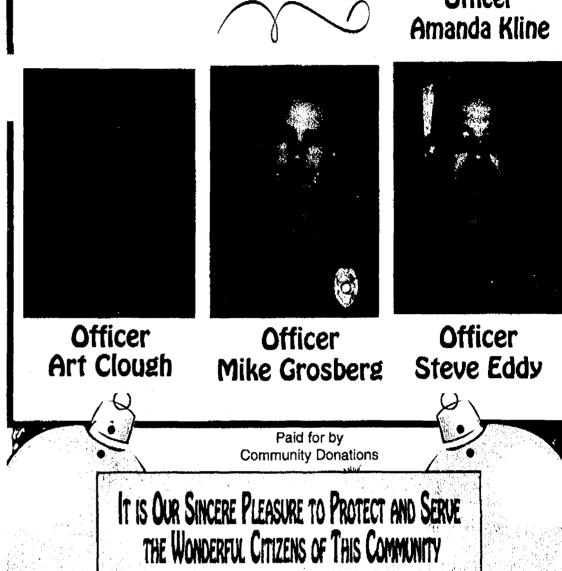
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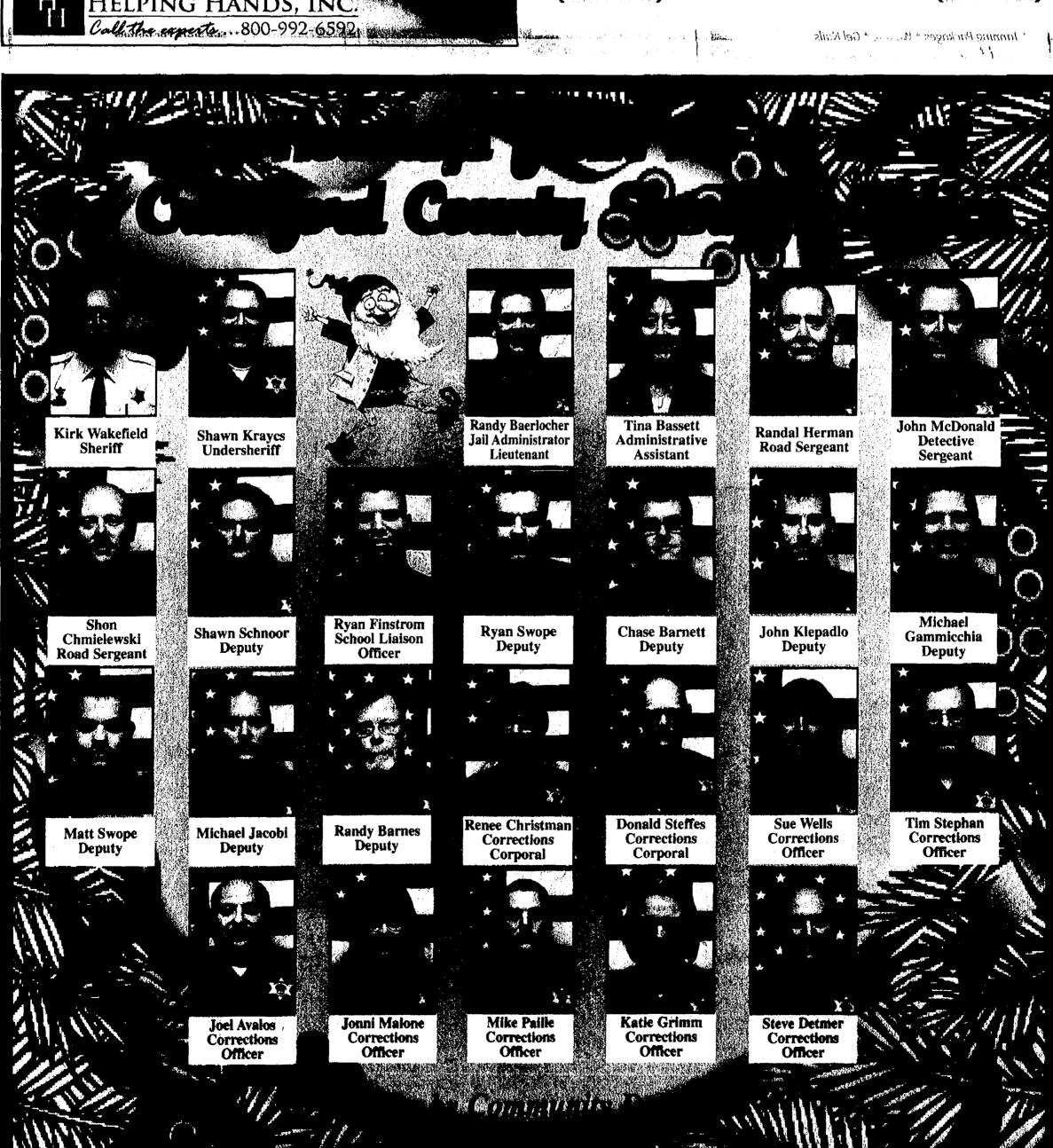


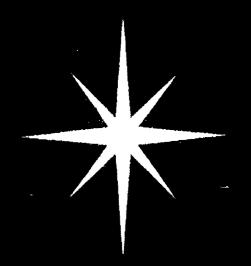












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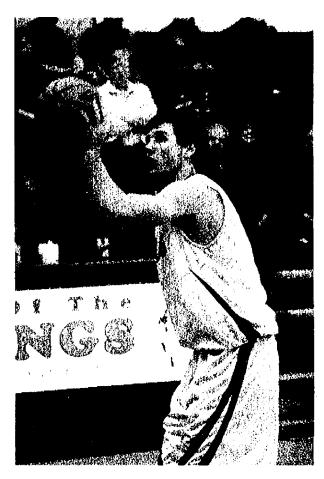
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Left, Hailey Whittaker fights for the ball against Harbor Springs on Friday night. Below, Justice Junttila shoots a free throw for the Vikings vs. the Rams.



Boys, girls stay unbeaten with league victories vs. Harbor Springs

Vikings pull away after first quarter, win 66-45

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

After a close first period, the Grayling Vikings took control with a strong second quarter performance and eventually won by 21 points, 66-45, during last Friday's varsity girls basketball contest – the squad's first Lake Michigan Conference match of the season – vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams. The victory improved Grayling's overall record to 3-0.

Grayling had a 12-10 edge at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 12 points with a put-back by Caitlin Prosser, a jump shot by Hailey Whittaker, a triple by Alyssa Morley, a three-point play by Maddie Benardo, and a put-back by Morley.

The Vikings outscored Harbor Springs 16-2 in the second quarter, posting 12 unanswered points in the last 5:20 of the period.

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Caitlin Prosser dribbles the ball for the Vikings during last week's game against Harbor Springs.

Surge in final nine minutes leads Grayling past Rams

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling trailed at times in the first quarter, second quarter, and third quarter, but the Vikings pulled away in the last nine minutes of regulation, outscoring the visiting Harbor Springs Rams 23-8 down the stretch to win Friday night's varsity boys basketball game – a league contest – by a final score of 72-57. Grayling remained unbeaten with the victory, improving its overall record to 3-0.

Harbor Springs led 20-14 at the end of the first quarter after ending the period with a 7-0 run. Grayling scored its 14 points with a drive by Tyler McClanahan, a three-pointer by Scott Parkinson, a lay-up by McClanahan, an inside shot by Justice Junttila, one free throw by Tyler Powers, a jumper by Jake Swander, and an inside shot by Michael Branch.

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WRESTLING SQUAD DEFEATS LEAGUE FOES FROM BOYNE, CHARLEVOIX



Logan Duvall (215) wins a match vs. Charlevoix.

Grayling wins 54-28, 53-24 on Wednesday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's wrestling team took two steps toward its goal of a league championship, defeating Lake Michigan Conference opponents from Charlevoix and Boyne City on Wednesday in a three-team

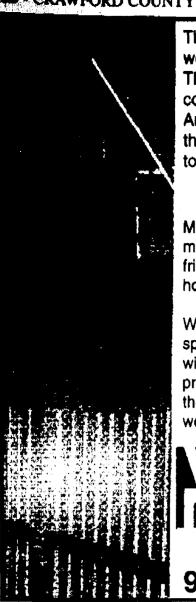
meet hosted by Charlevoix High School.
Grayling battled the Charlevoix Rayders to start the meet. It was close for a while, but Charlevoix didn't have wrestlers for four of the last five weight classes and the Vikings won 54-28. Grayling won five of the nine contested matches.

The teams started at 135 and Zack Cheney won by default for Grayling. Ghayge Toomey (140) pinned his Charlevoix opponent in the first round and the Vikings led 12-0.

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Jon Martin (112) battles an opponent from Charlevoix on Wednesday night.



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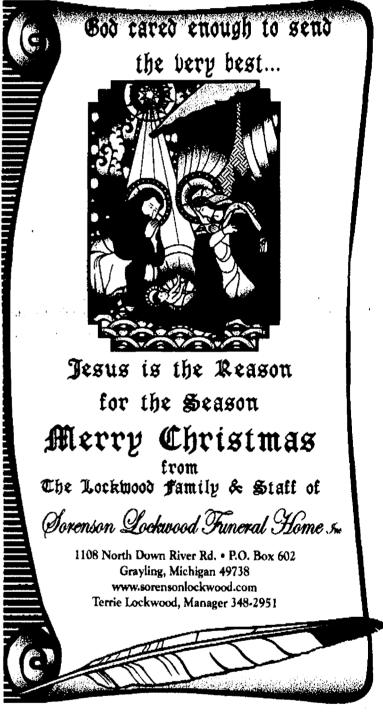
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Brandon Handrich (160) works toward a pin vs. a Charlevoix opponent on Wednesday.

Wrestling squad defeats league foes from Boyne, Charlevoix

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The Rayders won by pin at 145 and 152, tying the score at 12-12.

Brandon Handrich (152) counterpart in the first round. Nick Petrie (171) also won by pin for the ed at 119. Vikings.

Charlevoix won a 21-11 decision at 189. Logan Duvall pinned his Rayder opponent in the second round at 215. Charlevoix won the heavyweight division by pin. Grayling led 30-22.

Kyle Birdsall (103) won by default. Jon Martin (112) pinned his Charlevoix counterpart in the second round. Both teams forfeited at 119. Erin Messerschmidt (125) and Kyle Schmidt (130) won by default for the Vikings and Grayling won 54-28.

The Vikings won by a similar final score during their match vs. the Bovne City Ramblers.

Toomey (140) won the first bout of the series vs. Boyne City by outscoring his opponent 15-0, earning five team points.

Boyne City won by pin in the third round at 145. Handrich (152) pinned his Rambler counterpart in the second round. Boyne City scored a pin at 160 to lead 12-11.

Petrie won by default at 171. Jeff Myers (189) pinned his Boyne City opponent in the first round.

The Ramblers scored

pins at 215 and heavyweight to lead 24-23.

At that point, Boyne City was out of wrestlers. Martin (112),Messerschmidt pinned his Charlevoix (125), Schmidt (130), and Cheney (135) all won by default. Both teams forfeit-

> Grayling won by a final score of 53-24. The Vikings won three of seven contested matches vs. the Ramblers.

> Coach Andy Moore said it is difficult to gauge his team's overall performance since there were so many forfeits, but he was happy to win two conference match-

> "It is nice to be 2-0 in the league, that's for sure," Coach Moore said. "We've got a lot of work to do before our home dual (meet) next week. The competition definitely gets tougher next week, too."

> The Vikings will host Gaylord, Cheboygan, and Kingsley at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

> On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Vikings competed in a tournament at St. Ignace, placing fourth out of 13 teams.

> Coach Moore said all of his wrestlers contributed.

"Everybody Everybody won at least one match," he said. "There was some good schools there."

Handrich (152) took first place in his weight class. Myers (189) placed second. Cheney (130) finished third and Toomey (135) took third.



Ghayge Toomey (140) wins by major decision, 15-0, vs. Boyne City.



Jeff Myers (189) battles a Charlevoix opponent on Wednesday.

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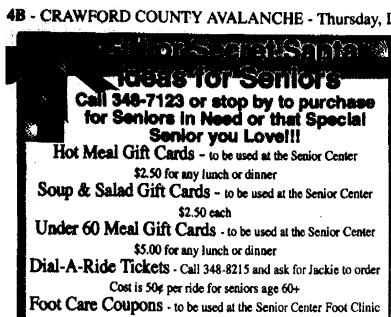
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Surge in final nine minutes leads **Grayling past Rams**

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The Vikings edged the Rams 13-10 in the second quarter. Grayling scored its 13 points with a drive by McClanahan, two free throws from Wes Dean, two free throws by Swander, free throws by McClanahan, an inside shot by Junttila, one free throw by Parkinson, and another inside shot by Junttila.

At halftime, the score was Grayling 27, Harbor Springs 30.

Swander tied the game at 30-30 with a three-pointer early in the third period, starting what would eventually be a 20-8 run by Grayling. The series also included a tip-in by Parkinson, two free throws from Junttila, a drive by McClanahan, a triple by Parkinson, an inside shot from Junttila, a lay-up by Parkinson, a drive by Carson Burmeister, and another lay-up Parkinson.

Harbor Springs outscored Grayling 12-2 from the 4:10 mark until the 1:10 mark. The Rams led 50-49.

In the final minute of the third period, Grayling scored on a lay-up by McClanahan and a drive from Swander.

GHS had a 53-49 edge going into the last eight minutes of regulation.

Burmeister hit a threepointer to start the fourth quarter. Swander scored on a jump shot. McClanahan drove to the basket for two points.

Harbor Springs pulled within six at the 5:27 mark

with a three-point play. Grayling that, outscored Harbor Springs 12-3. The Vikings scored 10 of their last 12 points from the free-throw line.

Grayling won 72-57.

"This was a hard fought game. Harbor Springs has a big and talented group of players," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I was very happy with the way that we played at both ends of the court in the second half. I thought that we spaced out the court very well in the second half and created some good scoring opportunities. Defensively, we did a nice job of stopping penetration and creating turnovers."

According to the team, McClanahan finished with 18 points, five assists, and three steals. Junttila had 15 points, six rebounds, and four steals. Parkinson had 14 points and three steals. Swander finished with 12 points and five assists.

"Tyler McClanahan was solid at the point guard position. Justice Junttila had his best game as a Viking. He was solid around the paint. Jake and Tyler were solid in the second half. Carson Burmeister gave us a huge lift in the third quarter. Branch gave us some solid minutes in the paint,"

Grayling (3-0 overall, 1-0 league) will play at Roscommon on Thursday, Dec. 20. After winter break, the Vikings will host the Kalkaska Blazers on Friday, Jan. 4.

Coach Moffit said.



Carson Burmeister dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Friday night.



Rachel Money handles the ball for Grayling vs. Harbor Springs.

Vikings pull away after first quarter, win 66-45

Continued from Page 1B Grayling scored its 16 second quarter points with (in order) a put-back by Samantha Denno, a lay-up by Hannah Haven, an inside shot by Denno, a jumper by Prosser, a lay-up by Whittaker, another jump shot by Prosser, an inside shot by Benardo, and a drive by Tandy Mitchell.

At halftime, the Vikings had a 28-12 advantage.

Harbor Springs scored the first five points of the third quarter. The Vikings responded with a 12-0 run, scoring on a triple by Whittaker, one free throw from Benardo, two baskets by Whittaker, an inside shot by Denno, and an inside shot from Benardo.

Grayling led 40-17 with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

Rachel Money scored on a jump shot. Haven hit an inside shot. Haven completed a three-point play at the 1:25 mark. Benardo hit one of two at the free-throw line. Haven scored on a

period, Grayling led by 20, 50-30.

In the last eight minutes of regulation, the Vikings scored 16 points and Harbor Springs scored 15. The period featured 27 free throw attempts, and 13 of the quarter's 31 points came from free throws.

Makayla Cragg scored nine of Grayling's 16 fourth quarter points. Benardo, Prosser, Morley, Mitchell, and Money also scored points for the Vikings in the final eight minutes.

Grayling won 66-45.

Nine different players scored for the Vikings. Five of them had at least eight points. Whittaker had 11 points. Benardo had 10 points. Haven scored nine points. Cragg finished with nine points. Prosser had eight points. Morley and Denno each had six points.

The Vikings (3-0 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake Wednesday, Dec. 19. After winter break, Grayling will host Kalkaska on Friday, At the end of the third Jan. 4, at 6 p.m.

9th graders win 62-26 at East Jordan

The GHS freshman boys basketball team won 62-26 at East Jordan on Wednesday night.

Spencer Kent had 18 points and seven steals for Grayling. Blake Gregory had 13 points. Shane McCleave had 10 points and five rebounds. Trent Hickman had eight points and eight steals. Christian

Warren had two points. "We had a great start to the game, jumping out to an 18-2 Lead," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Spencer Kent had a huge game with multiple steals, which led to points the other way, Shane McCleave had a nice

game for his first of the year."

On Friday, the Vikings fell to Standish Sterling by a final score of 62-43.

"I was more proud of how we played in this game than I was of our first two victories," Coach Kucharek said. "We had a lot of adversity and the team responded with great character. During the first half we were down to our third string point guard because of an injury and foul trouble. We were down 14 points at halftime and could have quit. We played a great third quarter and only trailed by 10 at the start of the fourth quarter. We cut the lead to eight at one point but Standish responded with a big run to put us away."

Garrett Anderson had points and rebounds for Grayling. Hickman had eight points and six steals. Spencer Kent had six points. Patrick Ruddy had six points and six rebounds.

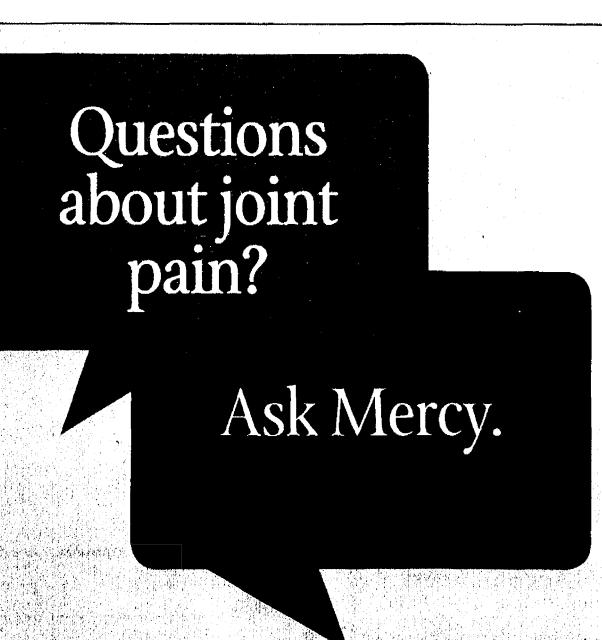
The freshman team (2-1 overall, 1-0 league) will play at Roscommon on Thursday, Dec. 20.

JV team wins 70-44 at **Harbor Springs**

Grayling High School's JV boys basketball team won 70-44 at Harbor Springs on Thursday night, improving the squad's overall record to 3-0.

Jake Hinkle had 16 points and five steals. Scout Tobin had 15 points and seven assists. Emmett Helsel scored 12 points. Darin Nicholas finished with 10 points, five steals, and four assists. Dylan Wyman had 10 points and five rebounds.

Grayling (3-0 overall, 1-O league) will play at Roscommen on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m.



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Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by NANCY DUTTON, a single woman, whose address is 206 Kerry Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Rural Housing Service (also known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated March 1, 2005 and recorded March 31, 2005 in Liber 674 of Crawford County Records on Page 457, said Borrower on the same date of March 1, 2005 having also Assumption Agreement by which she assumed the prior Mortgage given by Roy J. Dutton and Nancy Dutton to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, such Mortgage being dated July 30, 1999 and recorded August 10, 1999 in Liber 488 df Crawford County Records on Page 27; and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and other applicable charges, the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUN-DRED SIXTY-ONE AND 05/100 (\$63,161.05) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday January 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 6.0% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 30, PINE GROVE SUBDIVI-SION, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records, (Commonly known as 206 Kerry Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738; Tax Code #20-040-45-660-00-030-00.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

USDA, Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, Missouri 63120, telephone 800-349-5097, ext. 4500.

Pursuant to MCL NOTE: §600.3278, if the above-described property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. acting through the Rural Housing Service (also known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Attorney for Mortgagee SCHEUERLE & ZITTA, LLP 300 Washington Avenue P.O. Box 212 Grand Haven, MI 49417 616-842-1470

NOTICE FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COL-LECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION ANY OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael D. Shearer, a single man of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 14th day of February, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of February, 2003, in Liber 621, Page 536 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to The Huntington National Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$149,127.02 (one hundred forty-nine thousand one hundred twenty-seven and 02/100) plus accrued interest at 5.875% (five point eight seven five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of January, 2013, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg, in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that cer-

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League American Legion4 - 0 R. Smith CPA. 4 - 0 Mercy Manor 3 - 1 Grayling Nursing ... 3 - 1 Ball Busters 1 - 3 Spikes.....1 - 3 Days Inn......0 - 4 High Series: D. Bryant, 505; S. Johnson, 503; K. Schmidt, 480. High Game: S. Johnson, 196; D. Bryant, 193 and 187; K. Schmidt,

Senior League Dana Transport. . . . 35 - 25 Lone Pine 33.5 - 26.5 Flowers By Josie ... 33 - 27

R & W. 31.5 - 28.5

Legion Lanes 30 - 30 Sylvester's Sports. . 28 - 32 Spike's......27 - 33 Bear's Den Pizza . . 22 - 38 High Series Women: C. Clark, 518; P. Gillies, 448; R. Brown, 438. High Game Women: P. Harris, 187; C. Clark, 182; D. Doremire, 170. High Series Men: M. Brown, 574; D. Henning, 524; L. Crampton, 485. High Game Men: M. Brown, 202; R. Rysso, 187; D. Henning,

Thursday Morning Coffee Thanks a Latte. . 32.5 - 23.5 Snow Tops. 32 - 24 Eddie Cruisers 31 - 25 Bowling Buds . .25.5 - 30.5

Ladybugs - NOT . . . 23 - 33 High Series Women: C. Clark, 511; R. Brown, 444; D. Hollis, 421. High Game Women: C. Clark, 177; L. Fitzpatrick, 168; P. Harris, 164. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 574; S. Johnson, 525; D. Henning, High Game Men: S.

Johnson, 209; P. Faustman, 204. **Friday Mixed Doubles** G & B Rentals 68 - 30 World of Floors....50 - 48

Dodi's Karaoke . . . 44 - 54 Legion 43 - 55 AJD 43 - 55 L & L Hauling 40 - 58 Swamp II 37 - 61 High Series Women: M. Becker,

645; P. Younglove, 511; K. Moshier, 501. High Game Women: M. Becker, 229; K. Moshier, 182; P. Younglove, 178. High Series Men: J. Hunt, 712; D. Yelinek, 684; G. Mastroeni, 611. High Game Men: D. Yelinek, 267; J. Hunt. 265; G. Mastroeni, 221.

Pioneer League Legion 39 - 17 T.C. Lawncare....34 - 22 Suburban Bolt....32 - 24 Tim's Collision .28.5 - 27.5 Pink Ladies 23.5 - 32.5 High Series: J. Coors, 515; T. Benardo, 497; L. Golnick, 490.

High Game: T. Benardo, 192; C.

Osborne, 184; J. Coors, 183.

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For further information contact

Dated: December 6, 2012

By: Robert J. Zitta (P22749)

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tain piece or parcel of land situate

in the Township of Grayling, in the

County of Crawford and State of

Michigan and described as follows

of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 17 of the recorded plat of East Branch Estates; thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East, 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 121 feet; thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East, 66 feet; thence South 70 degrees 39 minutes East 83.25 feet; thence South 53 degrees 55 minutes East, 140 feet, to the bank of the East branch of the AuSable River; thence South 48 degrees 20 minutes West (along bank), 25 feet; thence South 20 degrees 49 minutes West (along bank), 150 feet, to the Section line; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes West, 243.8 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the waters edge of the East branch of the AuSable River. Commonly known as: 4875 Warner Dr. Tax Parcel No.: 20-040-44-032-01-040-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 29, 2012 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10097336 (11-29)(12-20)

NOTICE

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHER-MAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILI-TARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEANINE K. ROSSIO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2007, and recorded on March 13, 2007, in Liber 685, on Page 684, and assigned by said mortgagee to RWLS IV HOLDINGS, LLC, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$99,373,77), including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 2, 2013 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL NO. 7: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 28 NORTH, RANGE 3

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18 THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SEC-ONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 1980.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CON-TINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 309.32 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MIN-UTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 1,562.33 FEET TO THE EASTER-LY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 75; THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 270.48 FEET, ALONG THE ARC OF 5,614.65 RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE LONG CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 03 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SEC-ONDS WEST, 270.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1 / 4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 1,579.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at "a" foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. RWLS IV HOLDINGS, Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 RWLS.000096 CONV (11-29)(12-

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NOTICE IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT

OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1502. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peggy Kish and Steve Kish, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company formerly known as GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2007 and recorded August 28, 2007 in Liber 688, Page 304, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. Recorded on 10/5/2012 in Liber 710, page 758, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Ten and 67/100 Dollars

6.475% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

(\$54,010.67) including interest at

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 01/02/2013. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Grayling, County of Crawford Lot(s) 16, Madsen's Pines, according to the recorded Plat thereof, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 29, 2012 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer

P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 703.2813 (11-29)(12-20)

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SYNOPSIS SOUTH **BRANCH TOWNSHIP**

December 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: L. Luck, George, Farrington, S. Luck and Janisse. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by George, to accept consent agenda, November Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, the Treasurer's Report, Fire/EMS Report, and projected bills for December as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck to approve the purchase of the Kenwood Digital/Analog Mixed Mode VHF Repeater System and the Kenwood Digital/Analog Mixed Mode VHF Radios and Minitor V Pagers at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00 and \$5,358.72 respectively. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Farrington to extend the agreement with Kirtland Community College for Fire and EMS service through December 31, 2013 at a cost of \$4,673.39. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck to approve Tim Legg as a member of the Township Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by Herman Bratfish. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by L. Luck to waive the variance fee if one is required by the ZBA for the erection of the Fire Danger Sign purchased and donated to the Township by the South Branch Township Fire Association. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George to approve the parcel tax roll correction on a parcel incorrectly charged the \$75.00 refuse fee. Ayes: All. Nays: None, Motion passed.

Meeting Public comment. adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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MAPLE FOREST **TOWNSHIP**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-11-12 REGARDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

The Maple Forest Township Board having passed a resolution to complete the public improvement described in the Plans for Special Assessment District No. 1 for the treatment of Eurasian milfoil, approving said plans including the estimate of cost, definition of the special assessment district and the term of its existence, and directing the Township Supervisor to prepare a special assessment roll; and the Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District No. 1 having been prepared, presented to the Township Board and filed by the Township Clerk; and the Township Board having met on the 11th day of December, 2012, and having, at that time, reviewed and heard objections to the Special Assessment Roll.

> Roll Call Vote: Kniss - yes Baynnam - yes Babbitt - yes Feldhauser - yes Madill - yes

IT RESOLVED that the Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District No. 1 is hereby confirmed.

> Sandra Baynham, Maple Forest Township Clerk

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., of Denver, Colorado, has requested one direct, nondevelopment oil and gas lease from the State of Michigan covering oil and gas rights located within Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, containing a total of 2.54 acres, more or less, further described as:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Those parts of Parcel 18 of Control Section 20016, US-27 (now known as US-127) highway right-of-way lying within the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 26, T25N, R04W

Written comments from interested parties, relative to the request to lease the specified minerals, may be submitted by no later than 30 days from the actual date of this publication to the Minerals Management Section Manager, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952.

BEAVER CREEK

TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, the township Board of Beaver Creek will hold a hearing to address Commercial Rehabilitation Act (P.A. 210 of 2005) for the Skyline property, 4020 Skyline Rd. during our regular meeting ● 7:30 pm. Jan. 8, 2013 at the Beaver Creek Township

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December 21, 1989 - The GHS freshman basketball team consists of (from left to right) Jeff Pahssen, Mitch McMillan, Scott Garner, Sean Mirate, Jason Neeley, Matt Cragg, Mark Kraus, Matt Gingerich, Andy Lochner, Rick Leland, Steve Branch, Jeremy Bowers, Mike Spencer; (kneeling) Cory Moshier, manager; and Coach Bill Klinger.

23 Years Ago December 21, 1989

Thieves broke into Grayling High School sometime Sunday, Dec. 10 and stole telecommunication equipment valued at approximately \$3,500. Damage to the school's interior (broken doors and windows) was estimated at \$4,000.

The winner of the Chamber's Christmas Decorating contest was the Crawford County Library with their creative rendition of the "Three Wise Men." Second place was a tie between the Grayling State Bank and North Country Lodge who both had a very

traditional yet creative flair. The third place winner was Mac's Drugs Store with a festive window display that captured the spirit of the season. The judges also gave Honorable Mention to Spike's Keg O'Nails for

their elaborate display. The varsity basketball team lost a give and take ball game with Cheboygan on Dec. 15 that saw Grayling take and give up the lead, tie the score at the end of the third quarter and then lose the game in the final minutes of the game 58 - 51.

Paulette VanDeVen of Grayling has been named Employee of the Year for 1989 at the Grayling Kmart.

46 Years Ago

December 22, 1966 Clare Madsen has acquired ownership of the former Callahan's Riverside Cabins located on M-72 west past the AuSable bridge from Bill and Mrs. Ted Callahan, who owned the property in partnership.

The Jaycees are in the process of building a skating rink. This rink will be on the land owned and formerly occupied by the Grayling Bottling Co. on M-72 just past the Standard Oil bulk tanks. The rink will be built, lighted and maintained by the Jaycees. No admission will be

charged.

The Grayling Viking cage squads started their celebration of the coming holiday season early as both varsity and junior varsity teams won a pair of games last week and both scored over the 100 mark last Friday.

Hannah Kroll arrived home this week from the University of Michigan to spend the holidays visiting her parents, the Charles Krolls.

Students Sharon Long, Clough, Kerry Cathy Forbes, Mark Day, George Stancil, Gary DuBois are among those home this week from CMU for Christmas vacation.

69 Years Ago December 22, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ferguson have leased the Snack Bar from Edward Gierke of the Hi-Speed Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hunter have rented one of Sam Rasmusson apartments on Michigan Avenue.

92 Years Ago December 23, 1920

James Reynolds, Millwright, had two toes of his left foot broken Saturday afternoon when a large pulley fell upon his foot, while at work at the Kerry & Hanson flooring mill.

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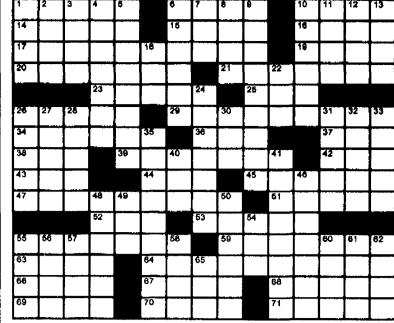
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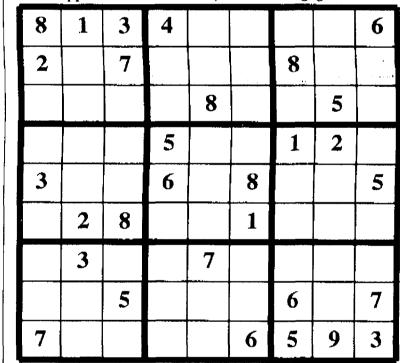
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- 34. Magnet alloy
- 36. Eighty-six
- 37. Altdorf is its capital
- 38. Carbonium, e.g. 39. Scuffles
- 42. Deity
- 43. ___ v. Wade
- 44. Child's stomach, shortened
- 45. Win over 47. Relating to Africa and Asia or
- their peoples (hyphenated)
- 51. Lies in wait
- 52. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 53. Chivalrous 55. Some bargains
- 59. Traffic lane for public
- transportation only (2 wds) 63. Doctor Who villainess.
- with "the" 64. A U.S. dollar on deposit
- with a bank abroad
- 66. "Hamlet" has five
- 67. During
- 68. Brine-cured cheeses 69. "Fiddlesticks!"
- 70. Doltish (alt. spelling)
- 71 Attack level

Down

- 1. Beanies
- 2. "God's Little ____" 3. Perlman of "Cheers"
- 4. Confession of guilt 5. Person's individual
- speech habits
- 6. Greenbrier, e.g.
- 7. I/100 kyat in Myanmar 8. Coastal raptors
- 9. Till (pl.)
- 10. Cracker topper
- 11. Tel ____, Israel
- 12. Corn ___ 13. Carbon compound
- 18. Decline 22. Dust remover
- 24. Professional photographer 26. Basic unit of money
- in Nigeria
- 27. Cool
- 28. ___ tube 30. Bubkes
- 31. Foreshadow
- 32. Robe worn by monks 33. Ocean level variations
- 35. Fully extended in width 40. ___ generis
- 41. Gets rid of at reduced
- prices (2 wds) 46. Person who takes 40 paces,
- turns and fires
- 48. Clumsy 49. A pint, maybe
- 50. Insignificant person
- 54. Sir, less formally 55. Mouth, in slang
- 56. 1993 Taxes standoff site 57. "I'm ___ you!"
- 58. Clash of heavyweights
- 60. A chorus line
- 61. Indian bread
- 62. At one time, at one time
- 65. Cheat, slangily

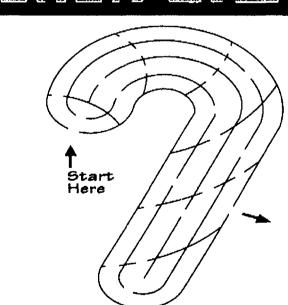
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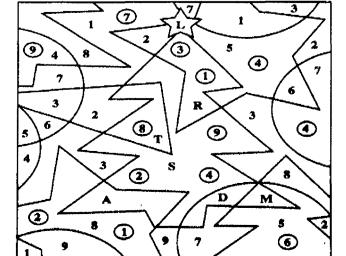


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things are happening all around you. Join in! A package on your doorstep is a welcome December 22-January 19



January 20-

March 20

you find yourself torn in a dozen directions. Don't worry, Aquarius. You will find the strength to persevere and rest will come.

Passion ignites, and

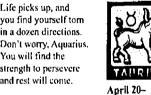
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financial picture

begins to shape up.

Pisces, An

romantic gestures are returned. Ooh-la-la,







May 21-

June 21

March 21-

April 19

May 20

rocky but ends with a bang! You take it all in stride and manage to check off one task after another from your list. Bravo.

Togetherness does not

come casy these days,

Gemini. Fortunately,

an event will occur

everyone back into

the fold. Monetary

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and get in there. The

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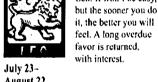
all involved



June 22-

July 22









Holiday shopping August 23-September 22 don't you think?



Oh my, Virgo. You're

and stick with it. You won't believe what

happens next! A

project takes off.

Forgive and forget,

Leo. It won't be easy,





September 23-

October 22

October 23-

November 21



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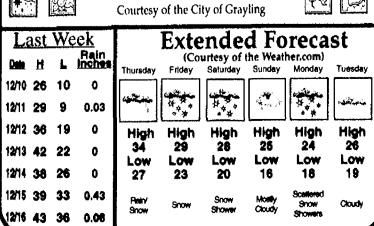
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margarine

CHOCOLATE SUGAR COOKIES Ingredients:

2 cups flour 1 tsp. baking soda 1/4 tsp. salt

Directions:

1-1/2 cups sugar, divided 4 squares 1 egg Unsweetened I tsp. vanilla Chocolate

MIX flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. MICROWAVE chocolate and butter in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH 2 min. or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Add 1 cup sugar, egg and vanilla; mix well. Stir in flour mixture until well blended. Refrigerate 15 min.

HEAT oven to 375°F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls: roll in remaining sugar. Place, 2 inches apaπ, on baking sheets.

or until dough is easy to handle.

BAKE 8 to 10 min. or until centers are set. Cool on baking sheets 1 min. Remove to wire racks; cool

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3. Employment

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1. Real Estate



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Bobbi Gonzales Sherri Gallaghe

ent 3. Employment

HOME HEALTH CARE AIDE needed part time for 6 bed elderly AFC Home. Job position offers apartment with pay. Contact Vickie Meadows at 989-915-0311. (-20-27/3)

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Previous teaching experience a plus. Please send resume and cover letter by **December 26, 2012** to:

Human Resource Department **Baker College of Cadillac**9600 East 13th Street

Cadillac, MI 49601

Fax: (231) 876-3443

Email: hr-ca@baker.edu

AA/EOE

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment



PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR

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4. Services Offered

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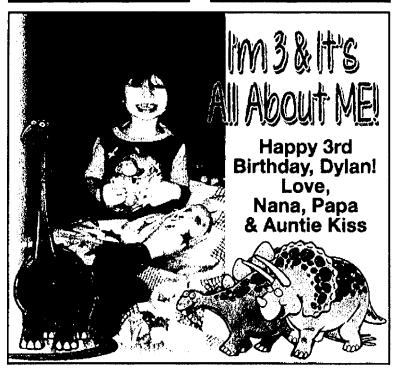
8. Announcements

Bid Notice

City of Grayling is accepting bids to fulfill PA 106 VEBA requirements. All vendors interested in bidding for the following benefits, please submit a sealed bid to P.O. Box 700, Attn: Heather Jensen, Cadillac, Michigan 49601. Bid must be received by 5:00 p.m. December 28, 2012. Benefits included: Medical, Prescription and Dental. Contact Heather (855) 306-1099 x 1033 for information. City of Grayling reserves the right to accept or reject all bid requests.

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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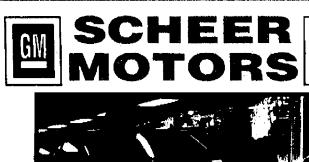
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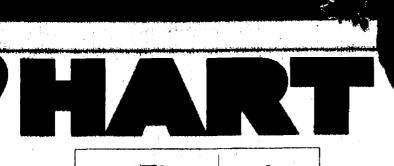
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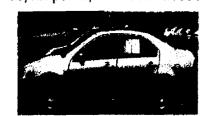




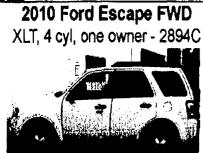
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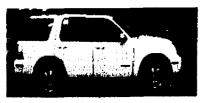
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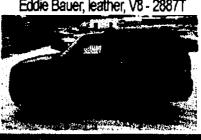
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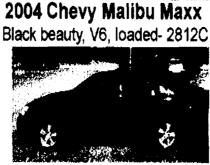
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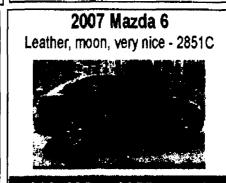
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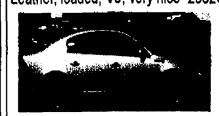
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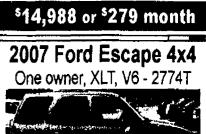
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